

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY
LITIGATION

MDL No. 2323

12-md-2323 (AB)

This document relates to:

**PETITION TO ESTABLISH
ATTORNEY'S LIEN**

TATUM BELL, Plaintiff, USDC, EDPA,
Docket No. 2:12-cv-03716-AB

Now, comes, the Petitioner, Michael L. McGlamry for Pope McGlamry, P.C. ("Pope McGlamry"), pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 15-19-14 and executed employment contract section titled "Termination of this Agreement," and states as follows:

- (1) The Petitioner is an attorney at law admitted to practice before the courts of this state, and files this Petition to establish his lien for attorney's fees as set forth hereinafter.
- (2) On or about April 27, 2012, Petitioner was retained and employed by the Plaintiff, Tatum Bell, pursuant to a contingent fee agreement, to pursue a claim for injuries and damages related thereto possibly caused by the National Football League's and all other responsible parties' liability for former and/or retired NFL players' long-term brain injuries and other head

injuries and damages associated with football-related concussions, head and brain injuries.

- (3) The specifics of the contingent fee agreement are as follows: If no recovery (by settlement or trial) is obtained client will not owe a legal fee or expenses. If Pope McGlamry obtains settlement or judgment for Client, Client will pay to Pope McGlamry 30 percent (30%) of the net recovery after reimbursement of expenses. Net recovery is the total recovery minus expenses. Pope McGlamry later reduced that amount in March 2016 to 20%.
- (4) When Petitioner entered into contract with Plaintiff, he entered into the risk and expense of the litigation before any settlement discussion had been held. Pursuant to this agreement, the Petitioner filed a Complaint on July 16, 2012, in this matter on behalf of the Plaintiff, which is the subject of the instant action.
- (5) From the date the Petitioner was authorized to proceed on behalf of the Plaintiff, the Petitioner actively and diligently applied himself to the investigation, preparation, and pursuit of Plaintiff's claims, and has taken all steps necessary to prosecute those claims, including, but not limited to, the preparation and filing of two Complaints; correspondence and communications with the client; review of Questionnaire, preparation of Medical Symptom Form; preparing for a scheduled client conference on

January 23, 2014, to go through the proposed Settlement and specifically how it pertains to Plaintiff Tatum Bell; drafting and providing client updates on 2/1/2013, 4/4/2013, 7/24/2013, 8/12/2013, 8/30/2013, 9/24/2013, 9/27/2013, 1/7/2014, 6/26/2014, 8/26/2014, 9/12/2014, 11/20/2014, 2/3/2015, 3/25/2015, 4/22/2015, 4/24/2015, 4/28/2015, 5/15/2015, 5/26/2015, 6/1/2015, 6/3/2015, 7/6/2015, 7/14/2015, 8/28/2015, 9/23/2015, 11/23/2015, 3/10/2016, 4/18/2016, 4/21/2016, 5/19/2016, 5/24/2016, 6/2/2016, 8/26/2016, 8/30/2016, 12/14/2016, 1/27/2017, 1/31/2017, 2/8/2017, 3/21/2017, 3/28/2017, 4/11/2017, 5/22/2017, 5/2/2018, 8/24/2018, 1/11/2019, 1/26/2021, 3/24/2021, 10/27/2021, 4/18/2022, 4/25/2022, 5/4/2022; coordinating event *Your Brain's Health* event on 5/20/2014 at Emory University Hospital with Emory doctors, preparing for presentation, coordinating filming, drafting and submitting a Claim Package for client based on a Pre-Existing Diagnosis and responding to various requests for information from the Claims Administrator re same, providing client with assistance in the BAP, obtaining signatures on BAP required forms, discussing the resulting BAP reports with the client, and submission of a request to reassess the Claim Administrator's decision regarding the applicability of the Race Norming Agreement on Mr. Bell's prior BAP

assessment upon receipt of the Race Norming Settlement determination and subsequent re-review of the client's neuropsychological testing report.

- (6) Throughout this litigation, Petitioner has served and continues to serve on the Plaintiff Steering Committee, as co-lead of the Discovery Committee, a member of the Communications Committee and the Sub-Committee on Attorney-Client Matters, all of which inured to the Plaintiff's benefit with Pope McGlamry's representation.
- (7) The Plaintiff discharged the Petitioner as his attorney in this matter, and it is expected that a new attorney will shortly be entering an appearance for the Plaintiff in this action.
- (8) The Petitioner was not terminated by the Plaintiff for cause, and the termination was not due to any malfeasance or other improper action on the part of the Petitioner.
- (9) The Petitioner claims the right to have a lien for attorney's fees and expenses established and enforced upon any sums to be derived from any settlement or judgment obtained or to be obtained by Plaintiff in this action. The amount of fees expended on Plaintiff Tatum Bell's case until the date of termination is \$3,005.30.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays:

- (1) That his attorney's lien be determined;

- (2) That the amount of the lien be established;
- (3) That the Court order that the Petitioner be entitled to enforce his attorney's lien against the proceeds to be derived from any settlement or judgment in this action;
- (4) That the Defendant or the Defendant's insurer be prohibited from paying to the Plaintiff any sums of money until said lien has been satisfied;
- (5) For such other and further relief as this Court deems just.

Dated: July 11, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Michael L. McGlamry

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused the foregoing *Petition to Establish Attorney's Lien* to be served via the Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, on all parties registered for CM/ECF in the litigation.

DATED: July 11, 2023

/s/ Michael L. McGlamry